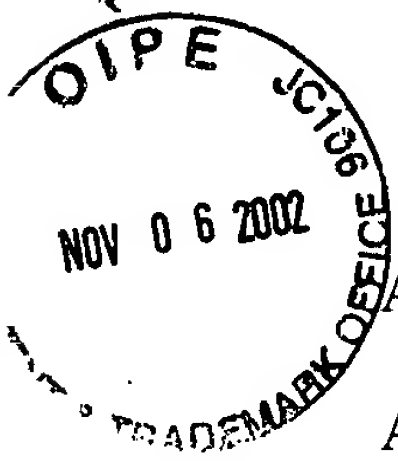


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Dear Sir:

In the communication from the Office dated October 1, 2002, the Examiner stated that the application has 10 patentably distinct species: the species of Figures 1-6b, the species of Figures 8-8b, the species of Figures 13-16, the species of Figures 13-15 and 17, the species of Figures 18-20, the species of Figures 21-23, the species of Figures 24, the species of Figures 39-42, the species of Figures 43, and the species of Figures 52-55.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant elects without traverse to proceed with the examination of the species of Figures 52-55, without prejudice or disclaimer of the non-elected claims. Claims 14-17 and 19-27 read on the elected species, with Claims 14, 15, 19, 23 and 24 being generic to all of the species.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing is fully responsive to the Election of Species Requirement. If, however, any undeveloped issue remains, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' counsel at the number provided below in order to resolve such issue.

Respectfully submitted,
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